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### CHALLENGE

At the conclusion of the annual business meeting I made a challenge to the members present. I now challenge all members of the RPA to meet or beat my donation of \$100.00 to the RPA Frame Fund.

Brad Sterling was the first to meet the challenge. Brad will also donate an additional \$5.00 for each one hundred dollars donation.

At this offer Joe Pal met the challenge with his donation of \$100.

Joe Doles,  
Frame Fund Chairman

### PRECANCEL PERMIT

As of July 15, 1988 the RPA is a holder of a Permit to Use Precanceled Stamps or Envelopes, Form 3620.

This allows any member doing Club mailings to use precanceled stamps. The postage must equal first class postage and be marked "First Class Mail". This is to expedite service and avoid it being mistaken for third class.

The mail must be handed to a postal clerk and not dropped in collection mail boxes, building chutes, etc. The permit is valid in any post office in the 146 zip area.

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THE RPA MEETS SECOND & FOURTH THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH  
AT ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, VICK B & EAST AVE.



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### SEPTEMBER'S PROGRAMS

#### SEPT. 8th

The Adventures of a FDC  
Kase, Sterling and Co. will tell us all about the trials and tribulations of servicing Club covers for the New York Statehood issue, 7-26-88

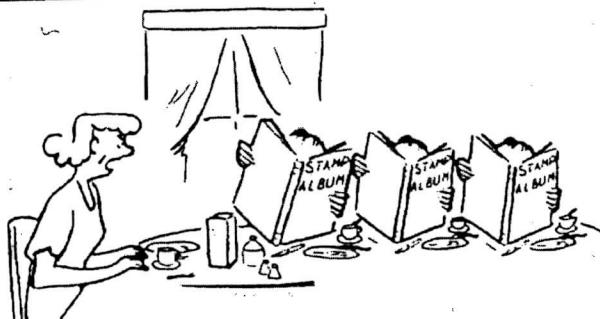
#### SEPT. 22nd

Mr. Raymond Stone of the RPA will present his talk on Anti Masonic Stamps

### PUBLIC VIEWING

Ray Stone would like to have anyone interested in letting the public see small exhibits of philatelic items contact him. The Midtown Station has locked wall cases available for our use. They will hold up to 17 pages. Make sure your items can not be identified as belonging to you. For security reasons.

RS



Why can't one of you read a newspaper?

## CONGRATULATIONS NEW BOARD MEMBERS

The new RPA Officers elected from a total ballot count of 72 are:

President, Larry Moriarty  
Vice President, Ada Prill  
Treasurer, Jim Trenton  
Recording Sec., Elly Phelps  
Corresponding Sec., Joe Doles

Board of Governor

Kelly Armstrong

The new Board will need the help and support of the membership at large in order to have a successful 1988-89 season.

A special thanks is due John Kellas III, for 12 dedicated years as Corresponding Secretary and Hinges and Tongs Editor.

## THIS IS OUR 76th YEAR

### PROGRAMS WANTED

The RPA is willing to make a deal you won't be able to refuse. If you have a collecting specialty that you feel other folks would be interested in, we'll help you do just that. Ada Prill, VP and Program Chairman is willing to get together with anyone interested and make slides of your materials and help you put together a slide show. We would like to keep it to about 72 slides (2 rolls), and the program about a half hour long. If the time is too restrictive maybe it could be put on in two sessions.

The Club will pick up the expense of film and processing.

### ARTICLES NEEDED

This is your newsletter and without your help it will be the same time after time.

What we need to make an exceptional club paper is your input. They could be comments for improvement or items that you would like to share with other members.

How about your experience at a First Day Ceremony or your trip to a nearby city for a stamp show? How about an article on what you collect and why. The topics are endless.

Just put your words on paper (typed or neatly handwritten) and send them directly to the Hinges and Tongs editor.

JKD

### ROPEX WORKERS NEEDED

The yearly exhibition that the RPA presents is known as ROPEX, ROchester Philatelic EXhibition.

The next show will be ROPEX-89. It will be in late April and will still be at the Downtown Holiday Inn. Over the years we have seen many of the same dedicated people working hard to put together a good show. As time passes we are no longer able to call on these loyal members and need to recruit new workers.

We have found over the years that many hands make for a light load. If you are interested in helping put on the ROPEX-89 Show please contact Ray Stone, Show Chairman. If you are recruited by any RPA member, please say "yes".

We are hoping to be able to get a First Day Ceremony during ROPEX-89 and this will make the show very exciting.

Don't be afraid to say "yes" when asked. We have many experienced people on the committee and you will not be alone.

**PLEASE SAY "YES"**

RS/JKD

## FIRST DAY COVERS

July 26th was the First Day of Issue for the New York Statehood stamp, eleventh in the series. Brad Sterling met with members of the Central New York First Day Cover Society Chapter 53 in Albany on the 25th. At midnight they picked up the stamps that had been pre-arranged for and started to put the stamps on the covers. Five hundred stamps were given to a runner going to Buffalo to drop off in Syracuse. Rick Kase met the runner at 3:00am and brought them to Geneva. I met Rick at the Geneva exit of the NY thruway at 7:00am.

When I got back to Rochester I met Kelly Armstrong and Joe Gorsuch, (Kodak Stamp Club President), to distribute the stamps.

Kelly took the southwest section of Monroe County. Joe took the northeast and I took the northwest. Rick captured the southeast side on his way back from Geneva.

We will have many unofficial FDC's for sale and official FDC's from Albany. Some have cancels that were available only in Albany on the 26th. These should be more collectable as time goes on. The prices will be:

official FDC.....\$1.25

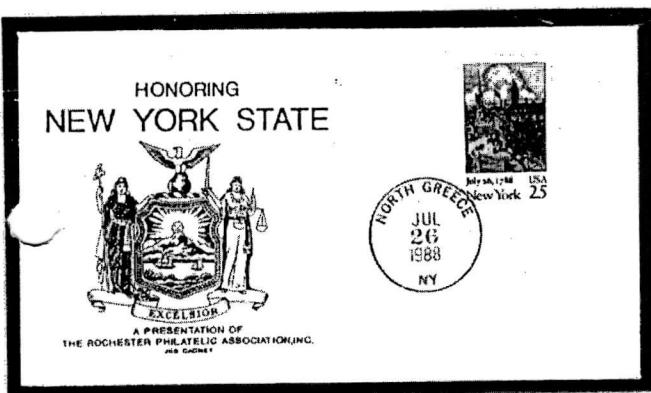
unofficial FDC..... 2.50

Special Albany can. 2.50

These can be picked up at a regular meeting or to insure you get what you want, please order by mail and you must include an SASE. Rick Kase is handling the FDC sales. All proceeds go to the frame fund.

By the end of the day we had covered all expenses.

JKD



## NEW YORK STATEHOOD FIRST DAY BY BRAD STERLING

My experience started with a nine hour workday at Wegmans. Then a flying bike ride home to shower and change. A Trailways bus ride to Syracuse and then on to Albany by car with Ron Traino of Chapter 53 of the First Day Cover Society. We met with other cachet makers at the Tom Sawyer Motel in Albany. The stamps arrived shortly after midnight. From then until about 4:00am we put our covers and stamps together. John Cali, from Fulton, NY, and I were smart enough to get a couple of hours sleep.

We arrived at Rockefeller Plaza at 7:00am. We had been promised tables for the cachet makers but when the time came there were none available. After a short discussion with those in charge, we had agreed to pay \$17.50 a table. By the time the dust had settled, we had ended up paying the Plaza \$50.00 a table. We were told the PO was going to be giving out covers with each stamp purchase. It ended up that they were selling them for a quarter each.

On the positive side we had a swell time canceling and sending covers all over the state. Up and down the Hudson to NYC and as far west as Niagara Falls. "Mr Unofficial" Rich Kase picked up stamps at Syracuse at 3:00am and drove to Geneva to meet Joe Doles. Rich canceled his way back to Rochester from Geneva. Joe and Kelly Armstrong drove back to Rochester to meet Joe Gorsuch, of the Kodak club, to start canceling all of Monroe County.

To order Chapter 53 and RPA covers, contact Rich Kase at 381-1654. For unofficials contact me at 328-9807.

While licking and sticking at the motel in Albany, I was privileged to talk to Jerry Adleman of Gamm Cachets.

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## MEMBERS IN THE NEWS



PETER B.  
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### *Philatelically not elementary*

Not that Moriarty!

People visiting the Rochester Philatelic Association's recent stamp show at the Genesee Plaza/Holiday Inn voted for the exhibit they liked best.

The top vote-getter was a Sherlock Holmes exhibit by L. Kelly Armstrong Jr., who won the Moriarty Award.

It's named for Larry Moriarty, an RPA member who donated the award, and not for the malevolent Professor James Moriarty, Holmes' inveterate enemy in the stories by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.

## Area man helps save Gulf boater

An Irondequoit man was credited with an assist yesterday after he helped to rescue a boater stranded for more than an hour in the Gulf of Mexico.

Coast Guard officials here and in Mobile, Ala., said Otey Walker's calls for help went unheard in Alabama, but were received loud and clear in Irondequoit.

Larry Moriarty was listening to his citizens band radio for Monroe

County RE-ACT, a group of volunteers who monitor traffic channels, when he heard Walker's pleas shortly after 2 p.m.

"He said, 'I'm broken down and need a tow.' He said he was near Sand Island Light. The guy was calling for an hour."

Moriarty, 71, called the local Coast Guard office, which traced Walker's pleasure boat, *Wade Walker*, to the Gulf. At 3:30 p.m., Walker and his six passengers were towed to shore.

"It was the fluke of being in the right place at the right time," said Mike Scott, an auxiliary officer with the Coast Guard.

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